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## COLD AS A SHARK Howard Fielding Describes a

Bowelless Biped. SCHRECKSTEIN'S SCANT FAVOR

He Lives by Cashing Checks After Banking Hours and Has Attained the

Farthest Height of Incivility.

I have discovered the most discourteeas object in the United States. Perthe well-known machine which takes a poor girl's money and then refuses to yield up any chewing gum or to offer an apology satisfactory even to a gumsensibilities. No: that is not the article I mean. Neither is it that contrivance which, in railroad waiting-



ture, confronts old maids with the startling announcement. "This machine will tell you your age." The thing I mean is Schreekstein-Gabriel C. Schreek stein. It is occupied to note-shaving and kindred pursuits by the side of an important downtown street of New York. I have noticed in human beings. that the habitual handling of money breeds discourtesy Money-changers have always been conspicuous for bad manners even in Er-land, where the set of a gentleman in kicking anybody who was not a gentleman has ever been held to bronden and perpetuate the distinction. In our own land it sould hardly be different with those who deal in the medium of exchange. The machinery of business cannot alter the fact that he who asks money is the beggar and he who has it is the grudg-

But giving all proper consideration to the force of temptation and the influmos of custom, there can be no doubt that Schrecksteins are born, not made. I am convinced of this by my study of threekstein's clerk, whose sole amas the head of the house. But, bless you, he can't. It lan't in him. By close application and the exercise of fair mimetic talent he has worked his manhers down to a point a little below those of the late Mr. Crowley, of Centill separates him from Schreckstein is ercader and deeper than the bottomless

Schreckstein eashes checks and takes pay for doing so. That is a part of the pusineus. It is very hard to cash a check n New York. We are wide-awake. observant people, and our intimate acquaintance with one another makes our ouls the prey of black suspicion. Therefore, if there were a man in Schreckstein's place he would be much sought, after the close of banking hours, by us who do business round based to resort to Schreekstein.

Schreekstein imows me pretty well I was introduced and vouched for by a non of high fluancial standing two or bree years ago. Schreckstein's bearing on that occasion reminded me of the warm cordiality exhibited by the skelelon of the megathernum to the museum of natural history when I first paid my respects to it, but the megatherium's demeanor has softened more upon acquaintance than has Schreckstein's.

I called to get a check cashed one afternoon not long ago. The office is ilways somewhat close, for Schreck stein does not like to have the free air of heaven come in to dilute his own private atmosphere of studied discouresy. The furniture is simple but ap propriate. There is nothing at all in be space reserved for customers. A heap wooden counter ten feet long



which sat Schreckstein, on this afteron, with an open ledger before him. He sat upon the only stool in the place. He would not have two, because in that non of attring on both of them in order that his clerk might be compelled to

Schreckstein's general outline does at differ greatly from that of a buman ing, which is why I have designated im occasionally by the personal pro-tons. His face is rather broad and quare, and is of the color of an underse doughnut. It is made of some substances which does not support veg-tation. His sees is of pair blue india subber of a shape which does not ec-tur cleawhere in nature. His head is seastly clad not that he is baid, but not naturally too mean to support much

I took a check from my pocket and Clara-

mained as irresponsive as a dead man, and fichreekstein much more as I said:
"Will you please be good enough to cash this small cheek?"

The eleck turned toward Schreckstein, and instantly turned back again, ashamed to have shown signs of life. I glanced up at the clock as an indication of impatience. It had stopped during the forenoon. No clock of Schreckstein's would ever violate the rules of the house by imparting information to the house by imparting information to

At the exact moment when I had made up my mind to pick up my check and walk out, the clerk bestirred him-self languidly and took it from the counter. He put it upon the deak be-side Schreckstein, and then turning his ck upon me, gased out of that win-w before which they have scattered money for the purpose of burting the feelings of poor people who pass by. Schreckstein did not come out of his

out of my pocket, opened it, and closed the case with a loud snap. Schreckstein did not wink. I debated within myself whether I could reach the check in its position on the desk, and had just decided to stretch forth my arm and try, when Schreckstein let his hand fall upon the check as if accidentally. Then for the first time he apparently became aware of its existence. He took it up: scrutinized the signature; laid it down; took it up again, and examined it even more closely as if he suspected me of forging my own name.

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me. The third grade of missit glasseyes furnished to charity hospitals for insertion in unfortunate paupers have more soul in them. He looked at a section of the wall behind me. I could feel his glance go through my head, and mingle with my brains, and curdle them. I know something about disrespect, for I have asked the usher of a l'ifth avenue chusch to show me a seat, but he was Chesterfield compared to Schreekstein.

While Schreckstein was looking through me. I remembered having no-ticed a little pile of rubbish in a corner of the office. It looked like dry paper, but I now understood that it must be the remains of customers who had withered under Schreckstein's glance. I did not wither because I am so thin that any change of that kind would be too slight to afford any satisfaction even to so mean a man as Schreckstein.

By and by he turned his eyes away and went back into the cataleptic con dition which is his natural state. The clerk turned away from the window and picked up my check, not as if he



but simply wished to get the thing out of the way. He went to the money drawer, and slowly pulled out some bills. One of them was bright and new, so be put it back, and, after some ostentation of search, produced another which was exceptionally dirty and dilapidated. Having secured the value of the check, less the commission, he laid it on the counter in a spot which he appeared to select because it had no relation whatever to my position. It was beyond my reach, but not far enough to make it evident that he had taken cogpizance of me in depositing the money. Then he returned to the place and the attitude he had occupied when I en-

I eathered up the money and put it into my pocket. Then I said: "Good evening," and the echo, to the best of my knowledge and belief, replied: "Go to binges."

I have taken much care in portraying Schreckstein because I thought it might please some of my readers who have dealings with similar cold-blooded anthropophagi. I have known certain pawn! bkers to affect a manner some thing like Schreckstein's, but they were mere innocent pirates compared to him. If in any word of this description I have deviated from the truth it was because Nonh Webster was too mild a man to put the proper term into his dictionary. Once or wice I have been tempted to trust my imagination for details, and then I have seen that it would be gross flatter, to lie about Schreekstein even with the most malicious purpose. So, when I have felt my recollection fail, I ave taken a small check to Schreckstein's and have whetted the dagger of my revenge on the cold blue grindstone

Perhaps there is another side to Schreckstein. The medieval Jew. though he was tough enough with his ellents, cringed in the presence of orinees, potentates and other thieves who negotiated loans on a red-hot gridfrom and similar unimpeachable collateral. So perhaps there is somebody of whom Schreckstein is afraid. I hope it's his wife. I should like to see her take him by the ear and respectfully in-quire how he supposed she can pay the rent and bring up a family on thirteen dollars a week. But probably I shall

never have that pleasure. I have another in store, though, for I shall send him a copy of these lines; and, next day, I shall call with a little shock. If I do not see the north pole of incivility it will be because my vitality caunet carry are through the interview.

Care Back to First Principles. Clara-You know Cora has been taking course of millnery with a view to ing her own hate to the fature,

HONOR TO MISS UHL

She Is Made a Guest at Two Pretty Receptions.

SOCIETY AND ITS DOINGS

Pretty Belknap-Bousfield Wedding. Meetings and Entertainments -- Pedro Parties--Society Personals.

The farewell tea given Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Edward Lowe in honor of Miss Lucy Urt, while quite informal, was a very pretty affair. The tes was entirely complimentary to Miss Uhl, and about thirty of her young lady friends were present. A number of piano lamps were used in lighting the house, which had been darkened for the occasion, and great bowls of roses were used in decorating the rooms. Mrs. Lovejoy and her sister were stationed in the hall, screened from view, and discoursed sweet music from the barp and mandolin. The tea table was placed in the bay window of

Miss Putnam poured the tea, and Mrs. Clay Hollister and Miss Irene Hazletine served. Mrs. Lowe's dress was of black crepe de chine. Miss Unl wore a dainty gown of white cashmere embroidered in green and gold, with pale green slip. in green and gold, with pale green slip-pers and gloves to match. Mies Put-nam's dress was very handsome, richly brocaded Louis XV. coat, and silk skirt of a mahogany color.

BOUSFIELD-BELKNAP.

Congressman Belknap's Daughter Nellie

is Married. A wedding was solemnized last Wednesday evening at the residence of Congressman Belknap, Madison avenue. The contracting parties were Miss Nellie Belknap, one of the most popuiar young ladies of the city, and Mr. Chartie Boasfield of Bay City. The ceremony was performed at 5 o'clock in the presence of the immediate families of the bride and groom. From 7 to 10 o'clock the same evening the doors of the house were thrown open and about 700 people attended the reception given the happy couple by Mr. and Mrs. Belknap. The reception was a very brilliant affair, most of the young people appearing in full dress.

Miss Bertha Belknap, sister of the bride, acted as bridesnaid, and C. E. Pierce, a life long friend of the groom was best man. Dr. Fluhrer performed the ceremony, using the short marriage service, as is customary with him. The bride's dress was a beautiful gown of

the ceremony was performed, everything in the way of decorations was pure white; in the back parior, a delicate pink; in the library, scarlet; in the dining room, yellow. The music for the occasion was furnished by Wurzbury's parlor orchestra, stationed in the conservatory. Mrs. Hoffman and her staff had entire charge of the dining room and refreshments, and everything was of the most elaborate description. The ushers were Captain Knox, Car-

roll Godfrey and Erwin Whitlock, and Ben Hanchet wasmuster of ceremonies. The guests from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Schafer of Marquette, Mr. Will Belknap of Onots, Mr. Gilbert of Bay City, and Mr. and Mrs. Knopville of Bay City. Congestulations were wired from several of the prominent statesmen of the country, friends of the bride's father. Mr. and Mrs. Bousfield left directly for Bay City, where a beautiful new home awaited them, and where they have stready set up their will be given them in Bay City in the near future by Mr. and Mrs. Al Bous-

charming farewell supper on Wednes-day evening in honor of Miss Lucy Uhl who will leave for Europe this week. beautiful, many deheately tinted lamps shedding a soft radiance. Five tables were set, and a most elaborate menu served. The supper over, an impromp-tu german followed, led by Walter Mc-Brien and Miss Uni. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Uhi, Mr. and Mrs. John Patten, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clay H. Hollister, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Gorham, Mrs. C. A. Parker, the son, Rennington, Miss Halliday of Chicago, and Miss Dyer of St. Louis, Messrs. Geo. B. Dougiass, Watter Mc-Brien, John S. Lawrence, Rowland Lowe, John H. K. Burgwin, Lucius Torrey, Charles McQuewan, John Seymour, John McQuewan, and James

Mrs. Uhl and daughter, Miss Lucy, went to Chicago last Thursday, Miss Uhl will sail for Europe Saturday, Jan-

ST. CECILIA'S MUSICALE, A Pretty Program Rendered at the Pri-The program at the Friday meeting of the St. Cecilia Club was unusually ca-

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tertaining. It was as follows:

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MERRY SLEIGHING PARTIES. The Jingle of the Bells in the Evening

A merrier sleach vide party never Swengburg have retorned to their started out for a good time than did studies at M. Mary's school at Knoxthe "Quaker Oats" club fast evening, | ville, 1)). Even the influence of the sociate chap-

erence, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Godfrey, could not restrain the mirth of

the young people who are fortunate enough to belong to that joiliest of all Grand Rapids clube, the "Quaker Oats." Arriving at Planfield, their

destination, an oyster supper at the hotel was enjoyed, for every one was as "hungry as a Eussian bear." An early return was made, and the entire affair was voted another social success

Miss Nellie Davis entertained about twenty of her young friends Friday right by giving them a sleigh ride party. Their destination was the home of Mrs. Bancroft, Miss Nellie's grandmother, who lives near Pierce's old A not supper awaited the arrival of the young people, who did

were out before them. Coasting parties on Fountain street have been the order of the evenings of the past week. The participants were not all young people either. Many a boy coaxed his father and mother over "for just one ride, you know," and discovered to his surprise that they knew more about how to coast than he did, and that they were willing to try their skill at it several times.

LOOKED LIKE FAIRIES.

A Pleasing Party Given to The Little

A pleasing little folks party was given last Wednesday afternoon by Miss

The entire house was illuminated and given up to the pleasure of the little people, who played games for pr z-s, danced "Pop goes the weasel," and had a most enjoyable time. In the dining room small tables were arranged in a circle about a center table, and all were beautifully decorated with smilax, maiden-hair ferns and carnations.

Mrs. Luce was assisted in entertaining the little ones by Mrs. B. J. Reynolds, Mrs. C. R. Stauffer, and Mrs. Harry Long. Among the guests were Mary Butterfield, Alice Ball, Flora Luce, Helen Maynard, Gertrude Risty, Florence and Georgie Godfrey, Adel-aide and Lorsine Sligh, Marion and Irone Follett, Blanch Maybew, Margie Irene Follett, Blanch Maybew, Margie Allen, Frances Hughes, Louise Free-man, Annie Rindge, Mary Cobb, Florence Davidson, Maude and Flossie Cartwright, Helen Mosely, Hazel Rem-ington, Florence Knappen, Aunie and Louise Long, Louise Pierce, Georgie McWhorter, Georgie Speed, Edwina Uhl, Adelle Brewer, Marguerite Long, Aldrich Blake, and Frederick Luce, Jr. ENJOYABLE PEORO PARTIES,

Several Pleasant Events of the Past

The pedro party-given Friday even-ing by Mrs. F. A. Tallmadge, No. 117 Ransom street, to about forty of her friends was unusually enjoyable. Sev.

Delicious refreshments were served, and a delightful evening was spent.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. E. E. Dryden gave a podro party to a large number of her lady friends. The house was elaborately trimm d with cut flowers and palms. Instead of playing for head prizes, the novel feature was introduced of giving a souvenir to the winner at the end of every game -an arrangement which met with decided lavor by those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edge very pleasantly entertained the "Lotus" pedro club at their last meeting. Mrs. Erroth captured the ladies' head prize, a silver berry spoon, while Mr. Jo. lograham was fortunate in securng the gentleman's head prize, silver ruit knives. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend will entertain the club at their next

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Loomis of No. 733 Wealthy avenue, entertained the Lantern pedro club at their residence last Wednesday evening. The head prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson o' No. 245 Paris avenue, and the booby No. 31 Lake street, and Mr. C. M. Loomis. Refreshments were served efore playing, and all had a jolly good The club will meet at Mr. J. A. Wilson's, No. 246 Paris avenue, Wedneslay evening, January 20.

A ladies' pedro party will be given by Mrs. Joseph McKee next Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock.

BACK TO THEIR STUDIES. These Have Returned to the Dall Ron-

Miss Myra Wonderly has returned to her studies at Mos Peebles' school, corner Madison avenue and East Fiftyseventh street, New York city. John and George Hollister have returned to Boston where they are at-

Misses Maud Witney and Louise Barnart will return to Miss Brown's school. Peter Doyle has resumed his studies

at the state university in the medical department. Miss Lucy Olney returned Friday to ner studies at Miss Porter's school at

Parmington, Ct. Raymond Crosby has gone back to Phillips' academy, Andover, Mass.

Miss Eva Daniels and Miss Kate Enos started for Vasuar Monday. Miss Grace Remington will return to school at Uties, N. Y. Miss Mable Edie will return to her

sludies at Olivet college. Miss Estelle Putman has returned to Walter Brooking has returned to Har-

Louis W., son of Mr. and Mr. J. Fields of Rocking street, who has been spending the holdays with his parents. has returned to the school for the blind

at Lansing.

Leo Keeny, Rehard Smith, A. D. Bathbone, Jr., Harry Worden, Walter Venter, Sen Robinson, Stewart Winter, William Schaue, Iom Branfield, Win Persons, Ed Matter and Walter brow, condents at the university, have re-

turned to Ann Arbor. Miss Amanda Voigt and Miss Bortha

Charleded as Touth page.

JOHN'S BUSY DAY

Julian Hawthorne Spends an Hour With Wanamaker.

HIS FAMOUS DOUBLE RECORD

How the Enormous Business of the Postal Department is Handled--Improvements Made and Contemplated.

There is a moral to Mr. Wanamaker's Washington career; it may be formulated as business vs. politics. He has been for fifty years identified with business, and has risen to be the greatest dry-goods dealer in the world. President Harrison, amidst general outcries of doubt and warning, put him in his cabinet as chief of the post office; and now Mr. Wanamaker bids fair to gain the title of the best postmaster general we have over had. This is an age of "records." Mr. Wanamaker's double record will not soon be broken, either

in Philadelphia or in Washington.

The idea of putting a business man into the very hot-bed and head center of political intrigue in the national captal! It was an audacious conception.

The employes of the post office number no less than 160,000 persons. What an opportunity for "politics!" It is true that Mr. Wanamaker is so rich that money cannot bribe him. He pays out more than a quarter of his official salary on the employment of a private secre-tary, Mr. Marshall Cushing, who is worth, indeed, as much as the whole salary out of which he is paid. Mr. Wanamaker's home in Washington (formerly the Freiinghausen mansion then occupied by the Whitneys, of magnificent memory) has cost him, for change and improvement, more than he will ever make out of the post office. How are you to approach a 'an whose business nots him a million L year? No: Mr. Wanamaker makes nothing out of the vast patronage of his office. Pecuniarily, the whole business is rather a loss to him than otherwise. Why, then, did he accept it?

It must, of course, have been ambition. Mr. Wanamaker is ambitious. He is a strict Presbyterian, a rigid moralist, an honest shopkeeper; but he can-not deny that he is ambitious. Although, however, this was accounted a sin in Julius Caesar, it can hardly be so regarded in Mr. Wanamaker. For Mr. Wanamaker's ambition, so far as Washington is concerned, is confined to giving this country the best post office administration it has ever had. Some wise persons will here smile angaciously and say: "And what about the presidency?" Well, I am free to admit that I don't believe Mr. Wanamaker bride's dress was a beautiful gown of white failie sik, cut en train, and trimmed with lace. Her only ornament was a diamond star, a present from the groom. She carried in her hand a bunch of lines of the valley and maiden hair fern. The bridesmaid, Miss Bertha Belkhap, was beautiful in a gown of Nile green landsdown, with gloves and slippers to match. She carried hyacinths and maiden hair fern. The floral decorations were unusually beautiful. In the front parlor, where the ceremony was performed, every—the ceremon of the guests were from out of the guests was won by Miss Anna Calkins, and the second by Mrs. Silas Godfrey. Mr. Harry Nibbon the gentlemen's first erize, and Mr. Frank Barton the second.

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> can do. To give an idea of what the post office growth has been since it was started under old Samuel Osgood a hundred and odd years ago it is enough to say that in 1780 two thousand letters

> G. W. Childs, how much good money



POSTMASTER GENERAL AT HIS WORK. eight thousand are posted every minute of the twenty-fou hours. Nevertheless, the greater part of this growth has taken place since 1800, and since the present administration ussumed power some of the most useful improvements and striking reforms have been made. Still greater ones are in prospect. But before entering upon their consideration let us take a look at the postmaster general himself and see how he looks and how he occupies himself.

The manuion in I street is quiet, but rich. Nothing is expended in fancy, but everything is solid and valuable and appears better at the second glance than at the first. Mrs. Whitney's famous ballroom is now a picture gallery with several hundred thousand dollars' worth of the best pictures in A. The dining-room is seberly magnificent -chear woodwork, gilded coiling, dark red silk walls, silver and crystal, Gobetju tapestry, hammered brans. The library is more sober still, but in excellent tasts. Here Mr. Wannmaker appeared to the present writer, clad in a light gray longging sack and dark trousers. He is a man above middle height, rather lightly built. Bis face is fresh colored, amount shaven and young looking. His eyes are dark gray, very bright and observants forebrad large, lower face slender in proportion; a good-sized, business-like ness. There la a certain quiet energy and enthusiasm in the expression of his countenance; you one that the man is a man of genius, of fadgment, of resources. His conversation is thoughtful, terms and low-voiced. Activity and alertness are in him comblued with composure.

I am bound to say that Mr. Wann maker did not take very ardently to the idea of being explaint in the newspapera. He is a man of . . in. not words. I just try to do the more that's about all there is of it," was his remark. 'He lintens attentively and kneps his own

However, I made an appointment for

MORE ROOM ATLAST

St. Mary's Pretty Pare School Nearly Finish

NOT A DOLLAR OF BEST EXISTS

though controvals. "Barybeir thins he can run the post office," says Mr. Wennemaken. "I have pleasy of auggestions; many of them are unavailable, but now and then I got a good due, and such are worth walting for." He is in his office by eight o'clock, an hour before the clerks appear. That hour he is at liberty to spend over his private correspondence. Then come the subordinate officers to consult with him. He gives to everyone the responsibility of his position, his theory being that the more you trust a man the more trustbuilding is now nearly completed, a structure ready for occupant three stories in height. The third will remain undinished for the being. The first and second fi to stream in and lasts till lunch timeat one. Only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11.50 the postmaster general
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other leading man, and they enjoy the apparatus. There is size a half 28 air in the environ, and I suppose discuss the situation quietly. The last two hours of his office day are spent in conhours of his office day are spent in considering projects and improvements, and are often the more prolific of the

more you trust a man the more trust-worthy he becomes. But he first selects

the man in question with great care, and his instinct in this important mat-ter is very soldom at fault.

At ten colors the procession of con-grassmen and people in general begins to stream in and lasts till lunch time—

he drives out with the president or some

Among the good things that Mr. Wanamaker has accomplished are the estab-lishment of a regular system of promolishment of a regular system of promo-tion for good work throughout the serv-lee; greater quickness in the transmis-sion of mails by land and sea, by the foundation of cut sions. The development of the railway and steamboat post offices; abolition of lettery business, and of the dispersion of indecont literature; more necurate methpresent dose of the penalty frank, chereby more than eight million del lars' worth of the most laborlous mail carrying is done for nothing; an alteration in the law which now permits paper-covered "serial" novels to be sent at one-eighth the legitimate rate; based upon these two reforms, a reduction of letter postage to one cent an ounce, and a resulting change, in a few years, of the present annual deficit of five million dollars into a curplus of fourteen; the creation of a postel banking symtem, the deposits, estimated at five huntional local banks, as preferred liabilities, and to be employed in government real estate and similar solid investments; and the postal telegraph system. This, which is perhaps the favorite project of the postmaster general, is opthe Western Union mesopoly: it is a battle of giants, but Mr. Wansmaker the Western Union mesopely: it is a battle of giants, but Mr. Wansmaker will probably win, for he is backed by popular sentiment all over the country. Time will be saved, not by hours, but by days; rates will be lowered more than fifty per cant; new telegraph patents will be welcome, instead of being suppressed, as they now are; the abuse of the telegraph for speculative purposes will be stopped, and business everywhere will be stimulated. Altogether, the prospect is exhibitating. JULIAN HAWTHORNE.

GUARDING THE TREASURY.

Now Uncle Sam Protects His Stearded Trementer. The treasury watch is composed of seventy veteran soldiers, who are entinto three squals dividing every twentyfour boors into three equal watches of eight hours each, says the Indianapolis Journal. The men wear no uniforms, and would not impress the guanal visi-

tor to the treasury during the bours when the public is admitted. The guards go unarmed during the day, but at night earry a large forty-two callber large to be emecaled in a pocket and must be earried in the hands all the time. Every one who passes the transmry at night sees pacing to and fro in the left's area between the granits pillars and the wall of the building solthry figures. A person camput appreach within a hundred feet of the milding without seeing a guard. Such a watchman, silent and marshal in bearing, guards each of the four entrances to the transury. The guards who traverse the corridors at stated interrals tench electric buttons to announce their presence in certain parts. of the leading. All this system of interior watchfulness was the work of Secretary Polger, who during his term in office fired in constant dread of an attack on the treasury. So far as buman watchfulness can be ralled on the treas-

purposes, and the berventilating facilities are after the most opproved

site is large, providing ample room for a play ground that will be adequate to the demands of a school of that age. The front of the toulding is fashioned. ods of accounting, and a great saving of which corresponds necessarily and a great saving of which corresponds necessarily with it church of the parish. Work on the Among the good things he intends to accomplish are efficient and constant inspection of post offices, a foreign postal card with stamped coupen attached for prepaid reply; duplex house letter-boxes, in one side of which the postman can deliver his mail, while the householder can put his letters in the other; an extended and ultimately universal free delivery; a reform in the present shuse of the penalty frank. construction until they were replentationed. It is an established rule of the diocese to keep free from dele and it has been strictly observed in this instance. As soon as the interior is finished the school will be moved from the one toniding the occupied by the school is crowded to such an extent that it has been ters at the earliest possible date. school is composed of 400 pupils are under the supervision of Joseph Oppenheim principal and sin associates, sisters from Notre Pame, Milwankee. The building committee, to whom much credit is due for the successful completion of the tuilding is composed of the following gratemen: F. E. Pulic, charman; Cheer Schmidt and F. W. Berles, Austine Committee, that has worked patricular committee that has worked vetime

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as many as five h ngo, when sharks' oil we value than it is at present dred and fifty do